

ANANIAS club motto: "Be sure you're wrong, then go ahead."

HARRIMAN's graft for \$57,000, 000 makes railroad rebates look like 30 cents.

SENATOR FORAKER has his bull dog. And just at the time when he needs him most.

APRIL, likewise, seems determined to keep out of the molly-coddle class.

THE New York Sun is so pleased with events, that it issues an appeal to Mr. Harriman to have mercy.

ORGANIZED effort to buy votes for the Republican national candidates is not, of course, conspiracy.

THERE are other games than tennis that are well played in the vicinity of the White house.

THE president will doubtless contribute any needed assistance to Mr. Taft in sitting on the lid in Ohio.

TWENTY-EIGHT Pittsburghers on the road to heaven; one got married, and then there were twenty-seven.

DAVID said: "I said in my haste, all men are liars," and he had never even heard of the Ananias club.

AT present, Chicago has three "mayors," but, fortunately for the city, only one seems disposed to draw the salary.

ANOTHER Ohio defaulting bank cashier has been given the limit of the law. Ohio's ideas in this matter ought to spread.

IT is little short of remarkable how many Republican leaders are just now making a noise like a man kicked on the shins.

JUDGE PARKER rises out of the storm of the Roosevelt-Harriman dissension, decorated with the garlands of a true prophet.

THE District of Columbia may not have any politics of its own, but it can get a fine view of the excitement in the Eighth Virginia district.

MR. ROOSEVELT may not know as much about railroading as Mr. Harriman does, but he knows a great deal more about politics.

MR. DELMAS' theory of defense seemed to be that Thaw was foolish to get into the trouble when he did, but is smart enough to get out of it now.

By the time Attorney Delmas had finished his address to the jury, Harry Thaw must have had a pretty good opinion of himself.

IT is not quite clear whether Mr. Roosevelt's slight indisposition is being caused by the railroads, the liars or the third term boom.

A RELATED exchange remarks that the country is unusually quiet. The country in his neighborhood must not be reading the White house bulletins.

THERE is a surplus of \$51,000, 000 in the United States treasury, but this stupendous wad differs from the Republican campaign fund of 1904 in that George B. Cortleyou is not at a loss to know where it came from.

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We are told that Roosevelt is standing pat, but an important question with reference to the Irish vote is whether Pat will stand for Roosevelt.

It is difficult to know whether Judge Parker's sympathy is with Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Harriman in the campaign contribution imbroglio.

MRS. FORAKER denies that she aspires to the presidency of the D. A. R. She probably thinks one presidential boom in the family at a time is enough.

THE perfect kiss, asserts a Missouri professor, was invented by a woman. But we will wager that some man put his mouth into it.

THE fact that a rich Philadelphia woman has made King Edward laugh by her funny stories, leaves no further doubt of the superiority of American humor.

WITH Mr. Harriman angling for the senatorship, and Mr. Depew landing it, the people of New York were simply up against a "choice between lemons."

SENATOR DEPHEW is sending out his senatorial speeches to his constituents. They ought to be accompanied by the Equitable's receipt for the restitution of that stolen money.

IT is safe to say it will be a long time before any more letters will be written from the White house to "My Dear Maria" or "My Dear Mr. Harriman."

MR. ROOSEVELT thinks that a "conspiracy" has been formed to defeat him in 1908, whereas, Mr. Harriman asserts that a "conspiracy" was formed to elect him in 1904.

SINCE Ambassador Bryce has declared that he considers Chicago one of the most beautiful cities on the map, it is evident that he is trying to live up to his reputation as a diplomat.

CHAS. M. SCHWAB thinks that over-capitalization is justifiable, and, considering the country's marvelous growth, safe. It is a poor physician who will not defend his own prescription.

IT must be difficult, indeed, for a railroad to explain why it could give Mississippi a two-cent passenger rate and yet be bankrupted by allowing Georgia the same privilege.

SENATOR CULLOM announces that he intends to spend the summer in Chicago. If Mr. Harriman should be passing through there this summer he might drop in and ask the senator whether he was quoted correctly a short time ago.

THE Indianapolis Sun thinks that so far as the dispatch "Mr. Taft went into a big hole" is concerned, the "big" was superfluous. Still it may have added to the message to let it be known that the hole was not the one prepared for the secretary by Senator Foraker.

INTERNECINE POLITICAL WARFARE.

The split in the Republican party in Ohio is even more accentuated in New York, where the Hughes-Roosevelt ring is warring against the machine faction. How much of this kind of factional fighting the G. O. P. can stand without permanent injury is the question the politicians are asking. As the only way to judge the future is by the past, the history of internecine party strife shows that almost always the administration forces have been successful at the conventions but often beaten at the election. The power and patronage of the party in power is a tremendous lever to control the party workers as long as there are any offices to bestow or to promise for the future. The question of "boodle" also cuts a big figure in the fight for supremacy within the Republican party and in the two states mentioned the supply of cash should be about equal. There will be a great chance for the colored brethren to secure their share of the spoils and in those localities where the negro vote holds the balance of power the price of votes at the caucuses and conventions should be enough to secure for the recipients a let up from active labor for quite a time. As the fight warms up the onlookers will be better able to judge who will win out and the amount of damage the party has suffered.

REPUBLICAN LAND GRABTERS.

Representative Williamson of Oregon, who was convicted in 1905 on the charge of conspiracy to unlawfully secure United States land and was about to be sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and serve 10 months in prison when he appealed to the supreme court that his imprisonment would prevent his attendance upon sessions of congress from which he claimed protection under the constitution. He now moves the court to advance the case to immediate hearing on the ground of its public importance. As the term for which Williamson was elected to congress expired on the 4th of March last, his appeal will hardly appeal to the court as of any importance, as to keep him out of prison would not affect his attendance on the next congress of which he is not a member. Still it will be interesting to know if a congressman convicted of crime is so necessary to his constituents that the court will let him free to serve them. The Republicans of Oregon must have been hard up for material for public servants when they selected Senator Mitchell and Congressman Williamson and Hermann, all of whom were mixed up in the land frauds.

Mammoth Boys' Corn-Growing Contest.

A mammoth boys' corn-growing contest has been organized by the Missouri Corn-Growers' association in co-operation with the state board of agriculture and the Missouri Agricultural college. There are two classes of boys eligible, those over 15 and under 20, and those 15 and under. The amount of corn which will be grown by the first class is one acre, by the second class one-fourth acre. The prizes to be offered aggregate over \$200. Where boys have no corn of their own, corn will be furnished by the agricultural college. There are no fees attached and every Missouri boy is eligible. For particulars address, M. F. Miller, secretary Missouri Corn-Growers' association, Columbia, Mo.

THE governor of Florida wants the United States to buy an island somewhere, move all the negroes to it, set them up in business and make them stay there. The governor must have been at the 13th round of a banquet when he mapped out that program.

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THE SIMPLE ISSUE.

The desperate effort being made to stampede President Roosevelt into doing what he does not want to do about the railroad issue is peculiar to say the least. Railroad magnates, with their safes full of watered stocks, Wall street bankers with "the goods" on them and even members of the cabinet have all tried their best to persuade the president to re-assure the country on the "railroad situation." But political considerations stand in the way. The country is in no mood to be trifled with and popular opinion is heartily favoring the efforts of state legislatures to "do something" to bring about cheaper passenger fare and reasonable freight rates. With rebates to the trusts abolished and free passes discontinued, the railroads must be making greater profits, and yet the managers have conceded nothing to the people. The same old rates are being charged and yet the railroads are clamoring for President Roosevelt to help them.

How can the president help the railroads and, if he could, why should he?

For political reasons he may fear that the "railroad situation" may be so manipulated as to produce business depression, but that could hardly be with good crops. Unless the business conditions are rotten, or dependent on the railroads being allowed to continue charging unreasonable rates. The railroads are begging to be "let alone," which is always the prayer of the plunderer. The people had been led to believe that the railroad rate bill, as modified and agreed to by President Roosevelt, would give them relief. They have discovered their mistake, and the state legislation, either enacted, or in a course of being enacted, is the natural result of their disappointment at the non-effect of the new law of congress. Many people are willing to wait for the coming congress to pass more stringent legislation, but as that can only apply to inter-state transportation, they are now helping themselves by reducing inter-state rates.

The railroad managers and bankers who are pleading with the Republican politicians to advise the president to "re-assure

the country on the railroad situation" must be in league to injure the president, for they know that the most drastic legislation, state and national, is the popular ideal. The whole question at issue is summed up: Shall the railroads continue to run the country through their Republican allies, or shall the people control the railroads? Neither the Republican politicians nor President Roosevelt can change this issue.

THE fact that Mr. Harriman, the most influential and corrupt railroad magnate, was consulted by the president about his recommendations to congress on railroad rate legislation is a more important question than the raising of a corrupt fund by the corporation magnates. It is about analogous to a Prohibition convention calling in the most influential saloon-keeper to advise the committee on resolutions what to put in the platform. No wonder the railroad rate bill is ineffective.

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